(c) the dates when these schemes were introduced in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for introducing these schemes, earlier or later, in various States?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development are being implemented in all the States and were simultaneously initiated in the States. The years in which particular Schemes were initiated are given below:

Scheme	**Dates and Year**
Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)	02.10.1993
Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)	01.05.1985
Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY)	01.04.1999
Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)	01.04.1999
Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP)	1972-73
Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP)	1986
Integrated Wastelands Development Project (IWDP)	01.04.1995
Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP)	1973-74
Desert Development Programme (DDP)	1977-78

(d) Does not arise.

Replacement of Armaments Imported from Russia

*60. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that armaments worth crores of rupees, bought from Russia during the Kargil operation, were rusted and not found usable;

(b) whether Government are asking for their replacement; and

(c) whether he took up the matter with Moscow during his last visit?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Six contracts valued at over Rs. 600 crores were signed with Russian firms for procurement of ammunition and armaments for the Army in the context of Operations Vijay. No rusted Defence stores have been received from Russia.

A consignment of 930 rounds out of 15,000 rounds of 130mm ammunition supplied under one of these contracts was found to be affected by sea water during inspection in June 2000 and has been declared unserviceable for which a claim is being raised. The estimated value of the unserviceable ammunition is Rs. 0.85 crores.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Private participation in Coal Mining

311. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning any comprehensive reforms to encourage private participation in coal mining;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have undertaken a 'Regulatory Framework Review Projects' with the help of the World Bank;

(d) if so, the outcome of the review; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken thereon;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Amendment Bill, 2000 which has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 24.4.2000 seeks to amend the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 for the following purposes:—

(i) To allow the Indian companies to mine coal and lignite without the existing restriction of captive consumption.

(ii) To engage the Indian companies in exploration of coal and lignite resources in the country.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Project "Review of Regulatory Framework of Coal Industry in India" was undertaken with the credit from International Development Association of the World Bank with the following objectives:—

(i) review the mining, environmental and labour laws, regulations and control systems under which the Indian coal industry operates;

(ii) review the mining, environmental and labour laws and regulations governing mining operations in major coal producing countries; and